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New NLM Exhibit

## Pre-Columbian Medicine: Historical Sources

Pre-Columbian medicine, with its rich associations in art and religion, is the subject of the National Library of Medicine's latest exhibit, to be shown in the Library's lobby from February 2 to May 22.

The exhibit examines the sources of our knowledge of ancient American medicine, primarily ceramics, codices (manuscripts), and the fields of human paleopathology (the study of abnormalities in human tissues preserved from ancient times) and cultural anthropology, including shamanism, the art of the medicine man or curer.

**This ceramic figure, one of about 40 such pre-Columbian sculptures in the new NLM exhibit, represents a male with skin lesions. It is from the western part of Mexico and dates from between 200 B.C. and A.D. 250.**

The exhibit includes about 40 ceramic figures from NLM's own collection. These sculptures, depicting diseases, ailments, and deformity, as well as showing pregnancy and aspects of child care, come from several cultures in Mexico and Peru and date from about 300 B.C. to A.D. 1000.

The exhibit also includes materials from the Library's book collections, paleopathological specimens borrowed from the Smithsonian Institution, and photographs of medical subjects in sixteenth century codices, as well as pictures pertaining to shamanism and Indian medicine.

Among the works on display is a facsimile of the *Codex Badianus*, the first American herbal, produced in 1552. This fascinating and colorful work contains illustrations and descriptions of more than 200 medical herbs used by the Aztecs for treating various maladies.

The exhibit was organized by **Manfred Waserman** of NLM's History of Medicine Division and may be viewed through May 22 during the Library's regular hours: Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., and Saturday, 8:30 to 5:00.

## New NLM Literature Searches

Ten new titles in the NLM Literature Search series may now be requested from the Library's Reference Section (see below). Literature Searches are printed bibliographies produced through MEDLINE on subjects of current interest. They are available without charge. (A complete list of titles appears in each issue of *Index Medi-*

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*cus* and *Abridged Index Medicus*.) When requesting Literature Searches, please include title and number, enclose a self-addressed gummed label, and mail to:

Literature Search Program
Reference Section
National Library of Medicine
Bethesda, Maryland 20209

LS 80-15 *Malaria immunology*. January 1977 through December 1980. 368 citations.

LS 80-16 *Emergency care for burn patients*. January 1975 through December 1980. 124 citations.

LS 80-17 *Canine parvovirus (CPV)*. January 1978 through December 1980. 44 citations.

LS 80-18 *Self-care*. January 1978 through December 1980. 113 citations.

LS 80-19 *HLA incidence in disease*. January 1979 through December 1980. 386 citations in English.

LS 80-20 *Sexual sterilization of the mentally retarded*. January 1975 through December 1980. 52 citations.

LS 80-21 *Plasmids as vectors of antibiotic resistance*. January 1975 through December 1980. 52 citations.

LS 80-22 *Lymphocyte hybridomas and their products*. January 1978 through December 1980. 301 citations.

LS 80-23 *Child abuse*. January 1976 through December 1980. 463 citations in English.

LS 80-24 *Legionnaires' disease*. January 1978 through December 1980. 389 citations.

## Publication Notes

The following publications may now be ordered from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402.

**Medical Subject Headings, 1981.** The 1981 *MeSH*, which is sold by GPO as Part 2 of the January *Index Medicus*, is also available separately. It consists of two sections—an alphabetical and a categorized list of all of the subject descriptors used to analyze the biomedical literature in the National Library of Medicine. Price: $12 ($15 foreign). Stock Number 017-052-72099-6.

**Index of NLM Serial Titles, 1981.** This fourth edition is scheduled to be available from GPO by early March; orders are now being accepted. The *Index* is a key-word-out-of-context (KWOC) index produced from SERLINE, NLM's online serials data base. It contains about 36,000 entries representing all serials and numbered congresses which are on order, in process, or currently received by NLM, as well as many ceased serials in the NLM collection. It is designed to assist librarians in the rapid identification of biomedical serials and to provide the necessary information for requesting serial interlibrary loans from the National Library of Medicine. Two books, casebound. Price: $44 ($55 foreign). Stock Number 017-052-00217-1.

**Bibliography of the History of Medicine, No. 15, 1975-79.** Expected date: March 1981. This cumulative volume includes material from the 1975-1978 annual volumes while adding material for 1979. The *Bibliography* is prepared from NLM's computerized data base in the history of medicine, HISTLINE. It focuses on the history of medicine and its related sciences, professions, and institutions. All chronological periods and geographic areas are covered. Journal articles, monographs, and analytical entries for symposia, congresses, and similar composite publications, as well as historical chapters in general monographs are included. Casebound. Price: $19 ($23.75 foreign). Stock No. 017-052-00216-3.

**Cumulated Abridged Index Medicus, Vol. II, 1980.** This annual publication cumulates the citations appearing in the monthly *Abridged Index Medicus* during 1980. (*Abridged Index Medicus* is a bibliographic listing by subject and author of references from 118 English-language journals. Designed primarily for the individual practi-

tioner and libraries of small hospitals and clinics, *AIM* is available from the Superintendent of Documents on subscription for $24; $30 foreign.) The casebound *Cumulated Abridged Index Medicus, 1980,* is available for $21 ($26.25 foreign). Stock Number: 017-052-00218-0.

## Deputy Associate Director for Library Operations Named

Ms. **Lois Ann Colaianni**, 1979-80 President of the Medical Library Association has been appointed Deputy Associate Director for Library Operations. She succeeds Mr. James Barry who retired in November.

Director of Libraries of the Cedar-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles since 1972, she holds a B.A. degree in biology with a minor in chemistry from the University of Rochester, and an M.L.S. from UCLA.

In 1965, when the UCLA Biomedical Library was chosen as one of the sites for decentralizing MEDLARS, she was just completing the UCLA's medical library internship program and was selected for training at the National Library of Medicine as a MEDLARS searcher. She was later appointed as Head of the Medical Information Communications Services, California Regional Medical Programs Area IV, where she was responsible for helping establish information services in hospitals, developing cooperative networks, and training hospital librarians. During the four years she was in this program she developed a consulting service, exchange program, and local union lists of serials for the hospital libraries in Southern California.

Under her direction at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center two libraries were merged into one, resulting in a health sciences information service used by over 6,000 health professionals, with the library serving over 4,000 people a month. Closed circuit TV systems for patient education and continuing education for health professionals and the development of a minicomputer-based circulation control system are a few of her many achievements as director.

Elected to the MLA Board of Directors in 1974, she also served as President of the Hospital Libraries Section and was a member of several other committees. Besides her national MLA activities she has been active regionally with the Medical Library Group of Southern California and Arizona, serving on various committees and as vice-president and president.

She is the author and co-author of several publications, among which is the *Manual for Librarians in Small Hospitals*, a standard in the field.

In her new position she will be actively involved in the administration and management of Library Operations, NLM's largest division. This division encompasses reference, technical, and bibliographic services, and the history of medicine program.

## Historical Acquisitions

**Saul Jarcho**, M.D., past President of the American Association for the History of Medicine and former member of the NLM Board of Regents, has donated his papers to the Library. Dr. Jarcho recently retired from medical practice in New York City, where he specialized in internal medicine.

The Library's manuscript collection was also enhanced by an initial installment from the Archives of the American Surgical Association, and by the papers of **George St. John Perrott**, a biostatistician with the U.S. Public Health Service who directed the National Health Survey of 1935-36.

The Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences has given the Library over 200 photographs related to medical aspects of World War II.

The Library also recently acquired a number of important 17th and 18th century works in chemistry from the remarkable collection of Franz Sondheimer, a chemist of international reputation.

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Other acquisitions for the book collection include:

- An incunabulum which contains Aristotle's *De generatione et corruptione*, (Venice, 1500) along with the separate commentaries of Egidio Colonna (1247?-1316), an Italian philosopher and theologian who also wrote on medical subjects, and of Marsilius van Inghen (d.1396), a Dutch philosopher and scientist who worked in Paris and Heidelberg.
- A rare plague tract by the Italian physician, Vincenzio Puzio, of Perugia, *Expertus ac perutilis tractatus contra epidemiam* (1523). There is no copy listed in the National Union Catalog.
- Leonhart Fuch's *De humani corporis fabrica epitomes* (Lyons, 1551-55), drawn largely from Vesalius, which thus enriches the Library's outstanding holdings on both of these great medical scientists of the 16th century.

## Serial Gap List

NLM regularly solicits the help of the medical library community in filling gaps in our serial collections. If you can provide any of these items we would be most grateful. Please address them to:

National Library of Medicine
TSD-GAPS
Bethesda, Maryland 20209

*Advances in Modern Toxicology* No. 1, Pts. 2, 3
*Aged Care and Services Review* 1: 3, 1978
*Alcohol and Aldehyde Metabolizing Systems* Nos. 2, 3, 1977
*American Journal of Clinical Biofeedback* 1: 1, 2, 1978
*Contemporary Neurology Series* Nos. 2, 3, 1967
*Detroit Dental Bulletin* 40: 5, 1971; 41: 1, 3-6, 9, 1972; 42: 1, 1973; 44: 6, 1975
*Health Institution Purchasing* Vol. 1, July 1971
*International Journal of Psychiatry in Medicine* 1: 1, 1970
*Journal of the American Auditory Society* 4: 3, 1979
*Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis* 1: 2, 1968
*Journal of Bioengineering* 1: 3, 1977
*Journal of Nursing Care* 12: 4, 8, 9, 1979
*Journal of Pediatric Psychology* 1: 1-3, 1976
*Medical Anthropology* 1: 1, Pts, 1-4, 1977; 1: 2, Pts. 1-3, 1977
*Practical Cardiology* 4: 1-6, 1978; 6: 3, 1980
*Primate News* 2: 2, 1964; 7: 7, 1969; 15: 5, 11, 1977
*Progress in Nuclear Energy*. Series 12, Health Physics Vol. 2, 1969
*Progressive Nurse* 1: 1-3, 1962
*Radiation Effects* 38: 3, 4, 1978; 39: 1-4, 1978; 40: 1-4, 1978; 41: 1, 2, 1979
*Radiologic Technology* 50: 2, 3, 1979
*Revista Interamericana de Psicologia. Interamerican Journal of Psychology.* 1: 1-4, 1967; 3: 1-4, 1969; 4: 1-2, 1970